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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.121**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- US provisional application Serial No. 60/015,499 Patent 5,837,870 discloses a process to prepare 5(S)-hydroxymethyl substituted oxazolidinone intermediates which are useful in the preparation of the pharmacologically active 5(S)-acetamidomethylloxazolidinoes. It further discloses a process to convert the 5-hydroxymethyl substituted oxazolidinone intermediates into 5-aminomethyl substituted oxazolidinone intermediates which can be acylated to produce the pharmacologically active 5(S)-acetamidomethyl substituted oxazolidinones. --

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